

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL POT CREEK WATER USERS' MEETING

Held at Vernal, Utah, in the Vernal Courthouse, April 4, 1961,

2:00 p.m.

Mr. Donald C. Norseth, Distribution Engineer opened the meeting; explained that the purpose of the meeting was to firm up tentative distribution plans put forth by the State Engineer's Office in a letter of February 6, 1961.

As there had been some inquiry as to the 1961 program, the State Engineer felt it advisable that a meeting be held with the users to firm up the program, outlined in the letter.

Mr. Norseth read the letter of February 6, 1961, which the State Engineer had sent to the individual users to refresh the water users as to its details.

Mr. Norseth made a report on the trip to the Pot Creek Area, April 3, 1961. (See attached memo for details). Mr. Norseth then gave a financial statement for the period January 1, 1960, to December 31, 1960, as follows:

At the start of 1960, there was a	
checkbook balance of:	\$ 69.42
Assessments amounted to:	588.25
Total expense	605.72
Bills payable in 1961:	25.00
 This left a checkbook balance of \$25.95, to	
start the current year.	\$ 26.95

A discussion centered around the pattern of runoff; and Mr. Norseth's report of his trip to the Pot Creek Area the day before.

It was decided to assess \$600.00, but to pay Mr. Rasmussen on a trip basis, as follows:

\$15.00, per trip as salary
10.00, per trip as travel

Mr. Zeph Calder complained about the assessment of 1960, and stated that he had paid \$276.00. Mr. Frank Reese explained the assessment system, and that the assessment had been levied on acre feet diverted in 1959, and that Mr. Calder's 1960 assessment was \$103.00; with the rest being delinquent assessments for the previous years.

Mr. Calder suggested that the runoff being as it is, there will be plenty of water; and that there will be no need for a Commissioner on Pot Creek.

Mr. Norseth stated that in his opinion, that without further storms, the temperature remaining high, that the runoff would be over within 10 days; leaving only low flows for the water users for the rest of the year.

Mr. Clark Felch then submitted his resignation as Chairman of the Pot Creek Water Users and suggested that a new committee be elected. He asked for nominations for a committee.

Mr. Zeph Calder moved that the voting and committee be limited to the irrigation users.

Mrs. Zeph Calder seconded the motion.

There were 7 votes against the motion and 2 votes for the motion; so the motion did not carry.

Mr. Felch then asked for nominations for a Water Users Committee for 1961. After much discussion, and a move by Mr. Zeph Calder that he objected to Mr. Robert Shiner's being on the committee, the following men were elected:

William Allen, Chairman

Rulon Hacker, Secretary

Ray Siddoway, Member

Mr. Shiner then made a motion that livestock has first priority to the waters of Pot Creek.

Mr. Norseth then stated that undoubtedly livestock users were probably first in use, but that no determination of their rights had been made at this time, and that he would look into it and try to confirm their position, prior to the irrigation season.

Mr. Hubert Lambert then stated that the stock rights would be included in the determination of water rights book on Pot Creek that was nearly completed, and would be submitted to the court shortly.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Those attending the meeting were:

Robert Shiner
Roberta Karren
Rulon S. Hacking
Raymond Siddoway
Pearl McCarrel
Ray E. Nash
Joseph Calder
Zelph S. Calder
William Allen
Ralph Siddoway
Clifton W. McCoy
Loran Hatch
Dave Rasmussen
Tessie P. Calder
Allen Bennion

Representing:
Shiner Brothers
William H. Karren
Rulon S. Hacking and Son

Pearl McCarrel
Lucille and Leo Calder, Estate
Lucille and Leo Calder, Estate
Zelph S. Calder
Leon J. Green

Commissioner

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Copies of these Minutes were given to the following:

Mr. David Rasmussen, Commissioner
Mr. Robert F. Guy, Area Engineer
Mr. Frank Reese, Business Manager,
Office of the State Engineer

*That stated copy also sent to
J. E. Whitten, State Eng. of Colorado*